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### **State of Washington Decision Package**

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## **Department of Social and Health Services**

**DP Code/Title: M2-SQ TASC Program** 

Program Level - 070 Div of Alc/Substnce Abuse

Budget Period: 2003-05 Version: G2 070 2003-05 2004 Sup-Agency Req

## **Recommendation Summary Text:**

This proposal seeks additional funding for the Treatment Accountability for Safe Communities (TASC) program for Fiscal Year 2005. Statewide result number 5.

## **Fiscal Detail:**

Operating Expenditures	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<b>Total</b>
Overall Funding			
02V-1 Public Safety & Education Account-State	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Cost	0	1 000 000	1 000 000

### **Staffing**

# **Package Description:**

TASC was established originally in 1972 using federal funds for initial start-up. The Legislature appropriated funding through the Office of Administrator of the Courts (OAC) to continue funding, TASC programs after federal funds were exhausted. TASC was transferred from the OAC to the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) in 1998.

The TASC programs currently exists in six counties: Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Yakima. TASC programs intervene during the criminal justice process to provide assessment, case management, referral to treatment, and urinalysis monitoring. TASC is intended to reduce drug abuse and criminal activity, to connect criminal justice and chemical dependency treatment systems, and to identify untreated offenders.

In the 2003-05 Biennial Budget the Legislature reduced the TASC program by \$4.6 million. This reduction left the TASC program with only \$1 million in expenditure authority for the biennium.

# Narrative Justification and Impact Statement

### How contributes to strategic plan:

Assures public safety and helps build strong and healthy communities.

Performance Measure Detail

Program: 070

Goal: 06G Assure public safety and help build strong, healthy communities.

**Incremental Changes** FY 1

FY 2

No measures submitted for package

### Reason for change:

It was the intention of the Legislature to provide \$2 million to fund the TASC program in the 2003-05 Biennium. This proposal would restore the funding that was intended.

#### Impact on clients and services:

This funding would allow the TASC program to continue and serve criminal justice offenders. This program is intended to

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### Impact on other state programs:

Funds are contracted with six counties: Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Yakima.

### Relationship to capital budget:

Not applicable

## Required changes to existing RCW, WAC, contract, or plan:

None

### Alternatives explored by agency:

The alternative explored was to eliminate the TASC program. However, based on Legislative intent there is a mandate to continue the TASC program.

### Budget impacts in future biennia:

The TASC program would be funded at \$2 million per biennia.

### Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:

The \$1 million would be an ongoing cost.

### Effects of non-funding:

Non-funding may result in the elimination of the TASC program.

### **Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:**

The carry forward amount for TASC was \$5.6 million. The Legislature reduced the TASC program funding to \$1 million (step HS5 Reduce TASC).

Object Detail	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Overall Funding  N Grants, Benefits & Client Services	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
DSHS Source Code Detail Overall Funding	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund 02V-1, Public Safety & Education Account-State  Sources <u>Title</u>			
02V1 Public Safety & Education Account-State	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total for Fund 02V-1	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Overall Funding	0	1,000,000	1,000,000